

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 12-2006

DATE: June 7, 2006

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Rudolph; Committee Members Petroskey; Hansen; Baier;
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt;
Other Attendees: Les Felbab; Ken Kortenhof; Dan Hess; John Pfeifer;
Jim Winkler; Larry Heath

EXCUSED: Wickman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chairman Rudolph at 1:03 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA OF PRESENT MEETING—The agenda of the present meeting (revised) was approved on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen. Motion carried. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to approve the chair to move around on the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2006 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Hansen, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2006 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

ADVERTISING & PROMOTION:

a) MONTHLY REPORT BY JOHN PFEIFER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION ACTIVITIES & BUDGET. John Pfeifer gave a verbal report of advertising and promotion activities, stating that web visits nearly doubled in May and referrals were up 54%. John Pfeifer stated that Oneida County Tourism is in need of at least 3,000 new tourism brochures to meet needs for the remainder of their contract term (end of year). Hearing this, it was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to authorize John Pfeifer to obtain adequate advertising for an Oneida County flyer to be sent out with requests with enough advertising to print a years worth of flyers, with Rudolph, Hansen, and Bilogan overseeing final product of flyer. Motion carried.

b) UPDATE OF AD HOC TOURISM COMMITTEE BY GUY HANSEN, CHAIRMAN. Chairman Guy Hansen reported that the Ad Hoc Tourism Committee had met on May 12th and reviewed objectives, along with 5 plans to attain goals. Next step will be to present ways in which to measure plan success.

UPDATE FROM CWEA ON PROGRESS OF HWY. O SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE: Bilogan reported that he had been in contact with Sean Spromberg of CWEA, with a time schedule upon receipt of shop drawings from Wheeler to CWEA to Janke.

APPROVE ATTENDANCE OF WCFA SUMMER TOUR, AND UPDATE MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, to approve

attendance of the WCFA Summer Tour by Forestry Committee and / or Staff. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE WILLOW REGION SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ADDITION OF GATES AND BERMS WITH TRAIL REHABILITATION PROJECT. The Willow Region Sportsman's Club requested Committee approval to perform some trail rehab work on the southern half of Trail 5-S, which would include installing 5 new gates and 7 new berms to protect the trail from motor vehicle traffic in the areas where the rehab work is being done. Gates will be installed by members of the Willow Region Sportsman's Club. Cost of the project will be billed through the Snowmobile Trail Maintenance program. Berms will be installed by bulldozer when the trail rehab work is being done. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, to approve the Willow Region Sportsman's Club to proceed with the trail rehab project as proposed (above), notify the Town of Lynne (for information purposes only), and request / require that signs be placed on gates stating that the trail rehab work is being done and to please stay off the trail. Chair called for roll call vote. 3 aye. 1 naye (Baier). Motion carried.

LOCATION OF AN EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN WILLOW AREA.—Emergency Management Director, Ken Korten Hof, and Dan Hess, Sheriff's Department Lieutenant in charge of dispatchers, were in attendance to update the Committee on the status of the communications tower. The first location was denied by Zoning, but an appeal was going to be made and a decision made the end of July. The location of the tower will be brought back to the Forestry Committee in August. Bilogan also informed the Committee that the Forestry Department had recently received requests from cell phone companies looking for county land on which to place towers.

RESOLUTION BY CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR POSSIBLE SALE OF LAND IN SECTION 33, T37N, R9E. Corporation Counsel had prepared a resolution for possible sale of land in Section 33, T37N, R9E. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to approve the resolution and forward it on to County Board. Motion carried.

TRAIL PASS CITATION. A trail pass had been incorrectly filled out, using a business / company name versus an individual name (as stated on the trail pass). Corporation Counsel advised to cite person in the future if trail pass was not in individual's name. This suggested course of action differed from that which was previously suggested by Corporation Counsel. At the February 1, 2006 Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee meeting, Corporation Counsel suggested "writing a polite referral correspondence" to individuals with errors on their trail pass. The new course of action suggested by Corporation Counsel will now be followed by appropriate departmental staff.

PROPOSAL FROM JIM WINKLER, UW—EXT. REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A STUDENT FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER. Jim Winkler explained the teenagers in government proposal and was seeking permission from the Committee to consider listing the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee as a choice for students interested in government. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, to approve Mr. Winkler's request to list the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee as a choice of committee for students. Motion carried.

TIMBER SALE(S) FOR DISPOSITION—Contract # 1433 held by Stora Enso was closed as satisfactorily completed, and return full cash deposit (\$6,061.25) on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Baier. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY), AND COMPENSATORY TIME REPORTS—The Vouchers and Blanket Purchase Orders were approved for payment on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Baier, a copy of which has been attached and made part of these minutes. Motion carried. No line item transfers necessary. The compensatory time report was also reviewed and accepted.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING. Stay with previously selected date of July 5. And August 2.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—Joint meeting with land information office concerning future land sales; annual report; lawn tractor bid specs if tractor from Highway doesn't meet Forestry Department needs; County Forest trash litter pick up issue (Bart Sexton).

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Les Felbab inquired about the Oneida County Solid Waste / Landfill trucks seen around town and was told that these vehicles pick up recyclable trash in town.

At 3:30 p.m. Gary Baier and Guy Hansen asked to be excused from attending the remainder of the meeting.

TOUR ALMON PARK. A tour of Almon Park will take place after adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, at 3:31 p.m., it was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

THOMAS RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY